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2024 RELEASES

EC designs were done by Michael Mochizuki. Selected graphics were done by Paul Conner, and dies etched and coins rolled by Cindy Calhoun of Cindy's Cents. All information cards were produced by Michael Mochizuki. Laminated cards with copper coins produced by Vicky Bowser, with coins and photos supplied by Michael Mochizuki.

LUNAR YEAR OF THE DRAGON, (January 2024)

6-piece set, single design, rolled on copper cent, US Nickel, US Dime, Edith Kanaka'ole American Women quarters, Presidential Golden Dollars and includes a Red Collectible chip. Forty denominational sets were produced and included a numbered information card. A Year of the Dragon "Novelty Note" and two 4x6 photos were included with each denominational set.

Fifty "Chip & Copper" sets were produced that included a Yellow collectible chip and a copper elongated cent.

A limited quantity of Year of the Dragon First Day PCNs were produced from USPS FDCs by Vicky Bowser, and includes an embossed, stamped image on each PCN.

PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK TRIBUTE (March 2024)

7-piece set, single design, rolled on a copper cent, US Nickel, US dime, Patsy Takemoto Mink American Woman quarter, Presidential Golden Dollar, and includes a Blue Collectible chip and an Uncirculated Patsy Takemoto Mink quarter.

Forty sets were produced and included a numbered information card and two 4x6 photos.

Fifty "Chip & Copper" sets were produced that included a Pink collectible chip and a copper elongated cent. (Pink is the island color for the Island of Maui, Patsy Mink's birthplace.)

A limited quantity of laminated cards were produced by Vicky Bowser featuring the Mink elongated coin on a photo of the Patsy T. Mink Statue in front of the Hawaii State Library on King Street in Honolulu, HI.

"SURFIN' MOUSE" (March 2024)

Limited edition 6-piece elongated coin set rolled on a copper cent, US Nickel, US dime, Hawaii State quarter and Golden Sacagawea Dollar. Fifty sets were produced that included a Purple Collectible chip and a numbered information card.

Fifty "Chip & Copper" sets were produced that included a Black collectible chip and a copper elongated cent.

A limited edition laminated card with copper cent was produced by Vicky Bowser.

SHAKA (August 2024)

Ten denominational sets were rolled, which included a copper cent, US Nickel, US dime, Patsy Takemoto Mink American Woman quarter and a Bush Presidential Golden Dollar. The elongated coin design features the “SHAKA” gesture and “HAWAII-ALOHA STATE” notation and the set includes a numbered information card. Hawaii is one of the first States to have an Official Gesture for the state.

Collectible chips were produced featuring the new “Shaka” Hawaii special license plate on the front and my Store Card elongated coin graphic on the reverse side. The chips were produced in 8 colors representing the Island colors of the Hawaiian Island Chain...Yellow=Oahu, Red=Big Island of Hawaii, Pink=Maui, Green=Molokai, Orange=Lanai, Purple=Kauai, Gray=Kahoolawe and the blue chip represents the Pacific Ocean. Niihau is not represented as there are no white chips available from the supplier.

MELE KALIKIMAKA 2024 – “HOLIDAY MOUSE” (October 2024)

This Christmas design features the 1928 Steamboat Willie mouse, the first “Micky Mouse” from Disney. The Disney characters from this early movie became part of the Public Domain on January 1, 2024 and is now available for use by the public free of charge since the copyright has expired. The design features a border of stringed Christmas lights.

Ten denominational sets were produced, rolled on a copper cent, nickel, dime, Patsy Mink American Women Quarter and a golden dollar. The denominational set included a red collectible chip. Fifty “Chip & Copper” sets were produced with a green collectible chip and a copper cent.

A limited number of laminated cards with copper cents were produced by Vicky Bowser.

HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU 2025 – “FIRECRACKER MOUSE” (October 2024)

This New Years design features the 1928 Steamboat Willie mouse from the 1928 Disney movie and shows the mouse with holiday noisemakers. The image is bordered by a string of firecrackers.

Ten denominational sets were produced, rolled on a copper cent, nickel, dime, Patsy Mink American Woman Quarter and a golden dollar. The denominational set included a yellow collectible chip. Fifty “Chip & Copper” sets were produced with a black chip and a copper cent.

Laminated cards were produced in limited quantities by Vicky Bowser.

PEARL HARBOR 83RD ANNIVERSARY 1941-2024 – LOUIS “LOU” CONTER, LAST SURVIVOR OF THE USS ARIZONA (October / November 2024)

This Limited Edition elongated coin set includes 6-pieces: copper cent, US nickel, US dime, Patsy Takemoto Mink American Women quarter and a Red Collectible chip. Each set included a numbered information card and two 4x6 photos. One Hundred “Chip & Copper” sets were produced with a blue chip and a copper cent.

This set is a tribute to Lou Conter, the Last Survivor of the USS Arizona, who passed in April 2024.

A limited number of laminated cards were produced by Vicky Bowser with materials supplied by Michael Mochizuki

AKEBONO TARO – First Foreign born Yokozuna Tribute (December 2024/January 2025)

This limited edition set consists of 8-pieces: copper cent, US nickel, US dime, Patsy Takemoto Mink American Woman quarter, Bush Golden Dollar, a 1-Yen Japanese Aluminum and a 10-Yen Japanese Bronze coin and a Red collectible chip. Forty sets were produced and includes a numbered information card and two 4x6 photos of Akebono.

Fifty “Chip & Copper” sets were produced that included a Black collectible chip and an elongated copper cent.

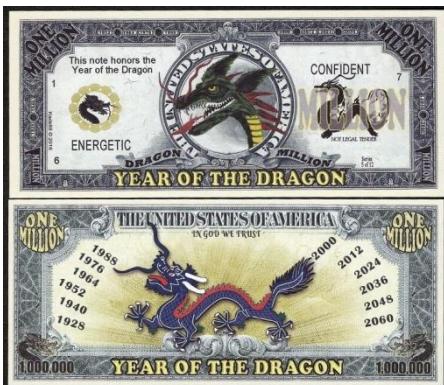
A limited number of laminated cards were produced by Vicky Bowser. One version features the Akebono Taro copper cent, and another features the Akebono Statue rolled on a copper cent in 2012/2013.

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GRAPHICS / IMAGES FOR 2024 RELEASES

LUNAR YEAR OF THE DRAGON



Happy New Year - 2024
Lunar Year of the Dragon
February 10, 2024 – January 28, 2025
[Shipping starts Late January 2024](#)



The Dragon (simplified Chinese: 龙, traditional Chinese: 龍) is the fifth part of the 12-year cycle of animals that appear in the Chinese zodiac in relation to the Chinese calendar. It is the only zodiac sign represented by a mythical creature, rather than a real-life animal. The Year of the Dragon is associated with the Earthly Branch symbol辰, pronounced chen.
The personality traits of people born in the year of the dragon are: charismatic, intelligent, confident, powerful and they are naturally lucky and gifted. In everything that they do, they tend to do it to the best of their ability with high standards.
This Limited Edition elevated coin set includes 6 pieces: Copper cent, US Nickel, US Dime, Edith Kanaka'ole Quarters, Presidential Golden Dollar, a Red Collectible Chip and numbered information card.



PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK TRIBUTE





Patsy Takemoto Mink
Congresswoman & Equal Rights Supporter
An Elongated Coin Tribute



Patsy Matsu Mink (née Takemoto, December 6, 1927 – September 28, 2002) was an American attorney and politician from the U.S. state of Hawaii. She served in the United States House of Representatives for 24 years as a member of the Democratic Party, initially from 1965 to 1977, and again from 1993 until her death in 2002. She was the first woman of color to be elected to Congress, the first American woman elected to Congress, and is known for her work on legislation advancing women's rights and education.

Patsy is most famous for serving as the primary author of Title IX. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in any educational institution that receives funding from the federal government. Title IX successfully passed in 1972. It dramatically improved women's and girls' access to education, including school-sponsored sports.

This Limited Edition elongated coin set includes 7 pieces: Elongated Copper Cent, US Nickel, US Dime, Patsy Takemoto Mink American Woman Quarter, Presidential Golden Dollar, Blue Collectible Chip and an Uncirculated Mink Quarter.

Limited to 40 sets: This is set #_____

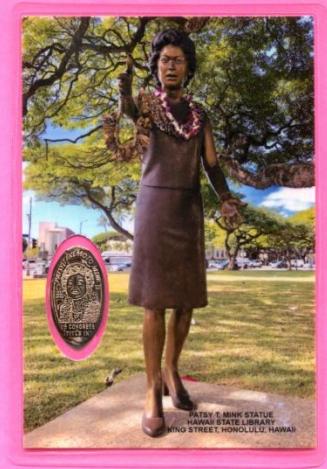
Patsy Takemoto Mink
Congresswoman & Equal Rights Supporter
December 6, 1927, Paia, Maui – September 28, 2002, Honolulu, Hawaii



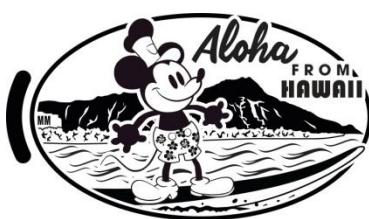
VIDEO: "PATSY MINK - Groundbreaking Congresswoman"
FROM: New-York Historical Society Museum & Library
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETNjPemVGSO&t=27s>



FIERCE AND FEARLESS, PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK, FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR IN CONGRESS
By Judy Ivey-Chavez and Carolyn Mink
FALL DOWN SEVEN TIMES, GET UP EIGHT, Patsy Takemoto Mink and the Fight for Title IX
By Jen Bryant, Illustrated by Toshiki Nakamura



"SURFIN' MOUSE" – Aloha from Hawaii



“SHAKA” – Hawaii’s Official State Gesture



THE ORIGIN OF THE HAWAIIAN “SHAKA”



According to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, prevailing local legend credits the gesture to the Kalihi Sugar Mill. It says that three middle fingers of his right hand while working at the Kalihi Sugar Mill. Kalihi was then shifted to guarding the sugar train, and his all-clear wave became the signal for the train to move. The gesture evolved into the shaka as children imitated the gesture.

Another theory relates the origin of the shaka to the Spanish immigrants, who folded their middle fingers and took their thumbs to the sides to make a fist. They did this when they met the natives they met in Hawaii. Yet another theory relates the origin to visiting whalers who signaled a catch with a “fist up” shaka. Shaka is also believed to have originated from the “V sign” used by the popular World War II “V for Victory” hand sign, in Hawaii often held up and rotated rapidly back and forth, “shaken”, hence shaka.

The late Lippy Espinda, a used car salesman and Oahu based author, claimed he was the originator of the shaka sign. Lippy Espinda, who frequently appeared as an extra in *Hawaii Five-O* as well as the *The Brady Bunch* episodes shot in Hawaii, used the term “shaka” in his sales pitches. He claimed that he was the first to use the term. While his claim is debatable, he is credited with popularizing the term. Another theory claims that the shaka sign was adopted from local Hawaiian culture by visiting surfers in the 1960s, and its use has spread around the world.

What does the Hawaiian Shaka sign mean?



Anyone who has visited the Islands has no doubt seen the hand signal – the unmistakable “shaka” with the thumb and index finger pointing upwards. A shaka sign – the unmistakable “shaka” with the thumb and index finger pointing upwards – is the ultimate symbol of Aloha and local culture in Hawaii. Interpreted to mean “hang loose” or “right on,” the Hawaiian Shaka sign is a gesture that embodies the spirit of aloha and the norm to worry or rush. The shaka sign represents the embodiment of “island style.” It conveys friendship, understanding, compassion, and solidarity among the various island cultures. The shaka sign is believed the shaka sign was adopted from local Hawaiian culture by visiting surfers in the 1960s, and its use has spread around the world.

Bus Drivers flashes the shaka sign when merging in traffic



Shaka

MELE KALIKIMAKA 2024 – “HOLIDAY MOUSE”



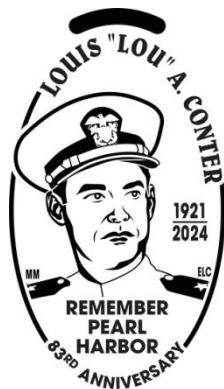


HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU 2025 – “NOISEMAKER MOUSE”





PEARL HARBOR 83RD ANNIVERSARY 1941-2024
TRIBUTE TO LOUIS "LOU" CONTER – Last Survivor of the USS *Arizona*



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83rd Anniversary 1941-2024

Remember Pearl Harbor

Louis "Lou" Anthony Conter
Last USS Arizona Survivor Remembered

An Elongated Coin Tribute



Wall of Names, USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL

HONOLULU (AP) April 1, 2024—The last living survivor of the USS Arizona battleship that exploded and sank during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor has died. Lou Conter was 102.

Conter passed away sometime Monday in Grass Valley, California following congestive heart failure, his daughter, Louann Dailey said.

The Arizona lost 1,177 sailors and Marines in the 1941 attack that launched the United States into World War II. The battleship's dead account for nearly half of those killed in the attack.

Conter was a quartermaster, standing on the main deck of the Arizona as Japanese planes flew overhead at 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7 that year. Sailors were just beginning to hoist colors or raise the flag when the assault began.

Conter survived one of the few penetrations of steel decks 13 minutes into the battle and set off more than 1 million pounds (450,000 kilograms) of gunpowder stored below. (continued)

This Limited Edition elongated coin set includes 6-pieces: Elongated Copper Cent, US Nickel, US Dime, Penny Takemoto Mink American Woman Quarter, Presidential Golden Dollar, and a Collectible Chip.

Limited to 40 sets: This is set #_____

Remember Pearl Harbor

83rd Anniversary 1941-2024

A Tribute to Lou Conter

September 13, 1921 – April 1, 2024, Age 102

(continued)

The explosion lifted the battleship 30 to 40 feet (9 to 12 meters) out of the water,

he said during a 2008 oral history interview stored at the Library of Congress.

Everything was on fire and the mainmast stood forward, he said.

"I got out of the water out of the fire and trying to jump over the sides," Conter said.

"Oh all over the sea was burning."

His autobiography "The Lou Conter Story" recounts how he joined other survivors

in leaping to the injuries, many of them blinded and badly burned. The sailors

rescued all those still alive.

Audrey McAvoy, Associated Press



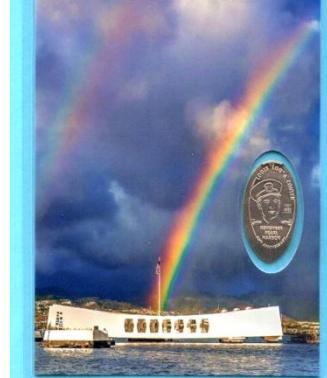
The Final Salute
Wall of Names
USS Arizona Memorial

The Lou Conter Story

"Lou Conter epitomized what it meant to be a member of the Greatest Generation, Americans whose collective courage, accomplishments and sacrifices saved our country from tyranny."

Aileen Utterdyke
President and CEO of Pacific Historic Parks

LOUIS "LOU" CONTER
LAST USS ARIZONA SURVIVOR REMEMBERED
83RD ANNIVERSARY 1941-2024



AKEBONO TARO Tribute – First Foreign Born Yokozuna



64th Yokozuna
Akebono Taro
First Foreign-Born Sumo Grand Champion
An Elongated Coin Tribute

Akebono Tarō (Japanese: 霧 太郎, Hepburn: Akebono Tarō, born Chadwick Hahne Rowan, 8 May 1969 – April 2024) was an American sumo wrestler. He was the first foreign-born Grand Champion wrestler from Waimānalo, Hawaii. Joining sumo in Japan in 1988, he was trained by pioneering Hawaiian wrestler Takamiyama and rose swiftly up the rankings, reaching the top division in 1990. After two consecutive yusho or tournament championships in November 1992 and January 1993 he made history by becoming the first non-Japanese-born wrestler ever to reach yokozuna, the highest rank in sumo.

This Limited Edition elongated coin set includes xx-pieces:
Elongated Copper Cent, US Nickel, US Dime, Patsy Takemoto Mink American Woman Quarter, Presidential Golden Dollar, Blue Collectible Chip and an Uncirculated Mink Quarter.

Limited to 40 sets: This is set #_____

Akebono Taro
First Foreign-Born Sumo Grand Champion
Height: 6 ft. 8 inches Weight: 514 lbs.
May 8, 1969, Waimānalo, Hawaii – April 2024, Tokyo, Japan

STATUE IN HAWAII SUMO ROPE TYING CEREMONY PROMOTION TO YOKOZUNA
PROMOTION TO OZEKI TOP-KNOT CUTTING CEREMONY AT RETIREMENT
SUMO CAREER

March 1988 – Joined Sumo, Azumazeki Stable
September 1990 – Reached the Sumo Top Division (makuuchi)
1992 – Promoted to Ozeki rank
January 1993 – Promoted to Yokozuna
1996 – Became a Japanese Citizen
January 2001 – Retired
2001 – Became Coach at Azumazeki Stable
WON 11 Championships
SPECIAL PRIZES – 4-Outstanding Performance
2-Fighting Spirit
4-Gold Stars (kinboshi – defeat a Yokozuna)

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Store Card Elongated Coins, Tokens and Collectible Chips

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Graphic by Paul Conner Studios, Etched and Rolled by Cindy Calhoun of Cindy's Cents.



DENOMINATIONAL TYPE SET with Presidential Golden Dollar, Hawaii State quarter, US Nickel, US Dime, Copper Cent, Japanese 1-Yen Aluminum. Eleven Denominational sets rolled in 2021.



Series I - 2021-Carnival Carnival Amusement Token, 50 rolled
Series II 2023 - Ice Palace w/1982 date, Honolulu Token, 50 rolled
Series III 2024/2025 – Jungle Fun Token, Ala Moana Center, 40 rolled



Series I – 2021 – “Aloha-Kodak Hula Show”, red, 100 made
Series II – 2023 – “Hawaii-Kodak Hula Show”, yellow, 100 made



Series III – 2023 – “Aloha Hula Girls”, green, 100 made



Series IV – 2024/2025 – “SHAKA License Plate”, 8 colors (25 made of each color)
Yellow= Oahu, Red=Hawaii Island, Pink=Maui, Purple=Kauai, Orange=Lanai, Green=Molokai,
Gray=Kahoolawe, Blue=Pacific Ocean

REVISION TO 2022 GRAPHICS (See #004)



Waioli Tea Room 100th Anniversary 1922-2022. Rolled on a 2022 American Woman quarter for the Hawaii Salvation Army commemoration, September 2022. Three hundred quarters rolled for this private event. Graphic by Paul Conner Studios, Etched on rolled by Cindy Calhoun of Cindy's Cents.